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Honorable James H. Welsh
Commissioner of Conservation
Office of Conservation
P. O. Box 94275
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-4275

Re:

Brown Zone, Reservoir A BOSTON BAYOU FIELD Vermilion Parish, Louisiana

Dear Commissioner Welsh:

Application is hereby made on behalf of **EL PASO E&P COMPANY**, **L.P.** for the calling of a public hearing, after legal notice, to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an order pertaining to the following matters:

- 1. To establish rules and regulations and to create a single drilling and production unit for the exploration for and production of gas and condensate from the Brown Zone, Reservoir A, in the Boston Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, said proposed unit designated BROWN RA SUA, as shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof.
- 2. To force pool and integrate all separately owned tracts, mineral leases and other property interests within the proposed unit with each tract sharing in unit production on a surface acreage basis of participation.
- 3. To provide that any wells drilled to the Brown Zone, Reservoir A, within or outside of the unit created herein, should be located in accordance with the spacing provisions of LAC 43:XIX.1901 et seq. (Statewide Order No. 29-E).
- 4. To provide that the Commissioner of Conservation should be authorized to reclassify the reservoir by supplemental order without the necessity of a public hearing if the producing characteristics of the reservoir changes and evidence to justify such reclassification is submitted to and accepted by the Commissioner of Conservation.
 - 5. To consider such others matters as may be pertinent.

The Brown Zone, Reservoir A, in the Boston Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana, is hereby defined as being the stratigraphic equivalent of that gas and condensate bearing zone

encountered between the depths of 13,920 feet and 15,010 feet (electrical log measurements) in the Kilroy Co. of Texas - Vermilion Parish School Board No. 1 Well, located in Section 16, Township 14 South, Range 4 East, Boston Bayou Field, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana. The top of this interval is further defined as being stratigraphically equivalent to 13,570 feet (electrical log measurement) in the George R. Brown - F. A. Godchaux No. 2 Well, located in Section 85, Township 14 South, Range 3 East, Vermilion Parish, Louisiana.

Pertinent data, including well logs, may be obtained **AT THE COST OF THE REQUESTING PARTY** from W. H. Robbins & Associates, L.L.C., 302 LaRue France, Lafayette, Louisiana 70508, Telephone Number (337) 232-5004.

Pursuant to the Rules of Procedure, a pre-application conference was held on December 21, 2006, in Lafayette, Louisiana, at which the parties named on the attached list were in attendance. The conference was opened by representatives of the applicant who explained the basis for the unit being requested. Questions were asked and answered. Two counterplans were presented. The conference was then adjourned without a resolution of differences. Since the conference was held, a partial resolution of differences has been reached with some, but not all, of the represented parties. The applicant's revised unit proposal is shown on the plat attached hereto and made a part hereof. Opposition at the hearing is probable.

Attached hereto and made a part hereof are a revised plat outlining the applicant's proposal, the conference attendance list and a list of the names and addresses of the Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties to whom a copy of this application is being mailed. Pursuant to the Revised Rules of Procedure, the list of parties is being furnished ONLY to the Commissioner of Conservation and to the District Manager of the Lafayette District of the Office of Conservation; however, the list of parties will be furnished to any party requesting a copy. A reasonable effort was made to ascertain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties.

Finally, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$755.00 made payable to the Office of Conservation submitted on behalf of the applicant representing the hearing application fee.

Very truly yours,

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cc:

Mr. Richard Hudson, Lafayette District Office of Conservation

cc: Interested Owners, Represented Parties, and Interested Parties

